

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith. The Examiner is thanked for considering claims 8, 9, 12 and 14-16 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1, 9, 12 and 14-16 are pending. Claims 1, 9 and 16 are amended, and claims 2-8, 10, 11 and 13 are cancelled, without prejudice. No new matter is added. Support for the amended recitation in claim 1 is found in cancelled claim 8; and support for the amended recitation in claim 16 is found in cancelled claim 13.

Applicants expressly state that the claims, as amended, are intended to include and encompass the full scope of any equivalents as if the claims had been originally filed and not amended. Thus, Applicants hereby expressly rebut any presumption that Applicants have narrowed or surrendered any equivalents under the doctrine of equivalents by amending the claims, or by presenting any remarks in this paper, and in no way do Applicants disclaim any of the territory between the original claims and the amended claims with respect to any equivalent subject matter.

A two (2)-month extension of time is requested. Authorization is given to charge the fee for the extension, or any additional fees for consideration of this paper, to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

II. OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 4 was objected to for an alleged informality. As the rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claim 4, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

III. 35 U.S.C. §102 REJECTION

Claims 1-7, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by eight CA Registry numbers. The amendment to claim 1 with the recitation of cancelled claim 8 (claim 8 considered allowable by the Examiner), renders the rejection moot.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection are respectfully requested.

IV. 35 U.S.C. §103 REJECTION

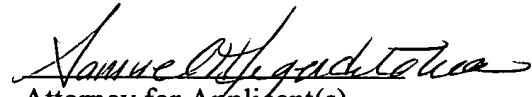
Claims 1-7, 10, 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the Lin article. Although Applicants disagree, the amendment to claim 1 in the foregoing manner obviates the rejection.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 103 rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herewith, the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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